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 <b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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JL	A1	2,082,782	06/08/37	Allen			
	A2	3,466,079	09/09/69	W.K. Mammel			
	A3	3,584,822	06/15/71	Oram			
	A4	3,912,317	10/14/75	Ohnaka, et al.			
	A5	3,916,909	11/04/75	Kletschka, et al.			
	A6	4,049,002	09/20/77	Kletschka, et al.			
	A7	4,049,484	09/20/77	Priest et al.			
	A8	4,094,484	06/13/78	Galione et al.			
	A9	4,096,853	06/27/78	Hanfried Weigand			
	A10	4,217,890	08/19/80	Owens			
	A11	4,350,160	09/21/82	Kolesov et al.			
	A12	4,457,300	07/03/84	Budde			
	A13	DES 293,470	12/29/87	Adler			
	A14	4,637,377	01/20/87	Loop			
	A15	4,827,926	05/09/89	Carol			
	A16	4,852,552	08/01/89	Chaux			
	A17	4,904,012	02/27/90	Nishiguchi et al.			
	A18	4,949,927	08/21/90	Madocks et al.			
	A19	4,957,477	09/18/90	Lundback			
	A20	5,019,086	05/28/91	Neward			
	A21	5,131,905	07/21/92	Grooters			
	A22	5,139,517	08/18/92	Corral			
JL	A23	5,150,706	09/29/92	Cox et al.			
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JL	A24	5,192,070	03/09/93	Nagai et al.					
	A25	5,256,132	10/26/93	Snyders					
	A26	5,290,082	03/01/94	Palmer et al.					
	A27	5,348,259	09/20/94	Blanco et al.					
	A28	5,417,709	05/23/95	Charles R. Slater					
	A29	5,452,733	09/26/95	Sterman et al.					
	A30	5,453,078	09/26/95	Valentine et al.					
	A31	5,480,425	01/02/96	Ogilvie					
	A32	5,484,391	01/16/96	Buckman Jr. et al.					
	A33	5,509,890	04/23/96	Kazama					
	A34	5,536,251	07/16/96	Evard et al.					
	A35	5,569,274	10/29/96	Rapacki et al.					
	A36	5,571,215	11/05/96	Sterman et al.					
	A37	5,613,937	03/25/97	Garrison et al.					
	A38	5,632,746	05/27/97	Middleman et al.					
	A39	5,662,300	09/02/97	Michelson					
	A40	5,713,951	02/03/98	Garrison et al.					
	A41	5,727,569	03/17/98	Benetti et al.					
	A42	5,728,151	03/17/98	Garrison et al.					
	A43	5,730,757	03/24/98	Benetti et al.					
	A44	5,735,290	04/07/98	Sterman et al.					
	A45	5,766,151	06/16/98	Valley et al.					
	A46	5,782,746	07/21/98	Wright					
	A47	5,797,960	08/25/98	Stevens et al.					
	A48	5,799,661	09/01/98	Boyd et al.					
JL	A49	5,807,243	09/15/98	Vierra et al.					

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JL	A50	5,836,311	11/17/98	Borst et al.					
	A51	5,865,730	02/02/99	Fox et al.					
	A52	5,885,271	03/23/99	Hamilton et al.					
	A53	5,894,843	04/20/99	Benetti et al.					
	A54	5,899,425	05/04/99	Corey et al.					
	A55	5,906,607	05/25/99	Taylor et al.					
	A56	5,927,284	07/27/99	Borst et al.					
	A57	5,957,835	09/29/99	Anderson et al.					
	A58	5,984,864	11/16/99	Fox et al.					
	A59	6,010,531	01/04/00	Donion et al.					
	A60	6,013,027	01/11/00	Khan et al.					
	A61	6,015,378	01/18/00	Borst et al.					
	A62	6,019,722	02/01/00	Spence et al.					
	A63	6,027,476	02/22/00	Sterman et					
	A64	6,029,671	02/29/00	Stevens et al.					
	A65	6,036,641	03/14/00	Taylor et al.					
	A66	6,042,539	03/28/00	Harper et al.					
	A67	6,050,266	04/18/00	Benetti et al.					
	A68	6,110,187	08/29/00	Brian S. Donlon					
	A69	6,120,436	09/19/00	Anderson et al.					
	A70	6,139,492	10/31/00	Vierra et al.					
	A71	6,149,583	11/21/00	Vierra et al.					
	A72	6,183,486	02/06/01	Snow et al.					
	A73	6,210,323	04/03/01	Gilhuly et al.					
	A74	6,213,940	04/10/01	Sherts et al.					
JL	A75	6,213,941	04/10/01	Benetti et al.					

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JL	A76	6,231,585	05/15/01	Takahashi et al.					
	A77	6,251,065	06/26/01	Kochamba					
	A78	6,264,605	07/24/01	Scirica et al.					
	A79	6,315,717	11/13/01	Benetti et al.					
	A80	6,346,077	02/12/02	Taylor et al.					
	A81	6,350,229	02/26/02	Borst et al.					
	A82	6,371,910	04/16/02	Zwart et al.					
	A83	6,375,611	04/23/02	Voss et al.					
	A84	6,394,951	05/28/02	Taylor et al.					
	A85	6,398,726	06/04/02	Romans et al.					
	A86	6,406,424	06/18/02	Williamson et al.					
	A87	6,447,443	09/10/02	Keogh et al.					
	A88	6,458,079	10/01/02	Cohn et al.					
	A89	6,464,629	10/15/02	Boone et al.					
	A90	6,464,630	10/15/02	Borst et al.					
	A91	6,468,265	10/22/02	Evans et al.					
	A92	6,478,029	11/12/02	Boyd et al.					
	A93	6,478,729	11/12/02	Rogers et al.					
	A94	6,482,151	11/19/02	Vierra et al.					
	A95	6,494,211	12/17/02	Boyd et al.					
	A96	6,503,245	01/07/03	Palmer et al.					
	A97	6,506,149	01/14/03	Peng et al.					
	A98	6,537,212	03/25/03	Sherts et al.					
	A99	6,565,508	05/20/03	Scirica et al.					
	A100	6,589,166	07/08/03	Knight et al.					
JL	A101	6,592,573	07/08/03	Knight et al.					

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JL	A102	6,607,479	08/19/03	Kochamba et al.					
JL	A103	6,610,008	08/26/03	Spence et al.					
JL	A104	6,610,009	08/26/03	Person et al.					
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	B2	DE 4139695 A1	06/03/93	Germany					
	B3	96/40354	12/19/96	PCT					
	B4	WO 97/26828	07/31/97	PCT					
	B5	WO 97/10753	03/27/97	PCT					
	B6	EP 0 820 721 A1	07/25/97	EPO					
	B7	EP 0 791 329 A1	08/27/97	EPO					
	B8	EP 0 791 330 A2	08/27/97	Europe					
	B9	WO 97/40738	11/06/97	PCT					
	B10	EP 0 808 606 A1	11/26/97	EPO					
	B11	EP 08020721	01/28/98	EPO					
	B12	98/37814	09/03/98	PCT					
	B13	WO 98/49944	11/12/98	PCT					
	B14	EP 0 919 193 A1	06/02/99	Europe					
	B15	WO 99/60929	12/02/99	PCT					
	B16	WO 99/60930	12/02/99	PCT					
JL	B17	WO 00/10466	03/02/00	PCT					

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JL	C1	Grundeman et al., "Vertical Displacement of the Beating Heart by the Octopus Tissue Stabilizer: Influence on Coronary Flow," Ann Thorac Surg. 1998;65:138-52		
	C2	Grundeman et al., "Hemodynamic Changes During Displacement of the Beating Heart by the Utrecht Octopus Method," Ann Thorac Surg. 1997;63:S88-92		
	C3	Jansen et al., "Off-Pump Coronary Bypass Grafting: How to Use the Octopus Tissue Stabilizer," Ann Thorac Surg. 1998; 66:576-9		
	C4	Jansen et al., "Experimental Off-Pump Grafting of a Circumflex Branch via Sternotomy Using a Suction Device," Ann Thorac Surg. 1997; 63:S93-6		
	C5	Angelini, G.D., "A Simple, Inexpensive Method of Heart Retraction During Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery," Ann Thorac Surg. 1998; 46:246-247		
	C6	Calvin, I.F. & Newman, D.C., "Circumflex Exposure Using a Cardiac Sling," Ann Thorac Surg. 1990; 49:833-4		
	C7	Splittgerber et al., "Exposing the Circumflex Coronary Artery: The Heartflip Technique," Ann Thorac Surg. 1996; 61:1119-20		
	C8	Rousou et al., "Cardiac Retractor for Coronary Bypass Operations," Ann Thorac Surg. 1991; 52:877-8		
	C9	Matsuura et al., "A New Device for Exposing the Circumflex Coronary Artery," Ann Thorac Surg. 1995; 59:1249-50		
	C10	Janke, Walter H., "Heart Support for Coronary Bypass Surgery Involving the Circumflex Artery System," The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, pgs. 883-884		
	C11	Kazama, Shigeru. & Ishihara, Akira., "Fabric Heart Retractor for Coronary Artery Bypass Operations," Ann Thorac Surg. 1993; 55:1582-3		
	C12	Takahashi et al., "A New Instrument for Immobilization and Hemostasis During Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass ('MIDCAB doughnut'): Experimental Study," J Card Surg. 1997;12:185-189		
JL	C13	Borst et al., "Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Without Cardiopulmonary Bypass and Without Interruption of Native Coronary Flow Using a Novel Anastomosis Site Restraining Device ('Octopus')," JAAC vol. 27, no. 6 May 1996:1356-64		

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